



## CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation - Boosters of Boys/Girls Sports Organization Retiring  
Volunteers: Ed Wall; David Akin; Dr. Larry Simpfenderfer

MEETING DATE: January 18, 1995

PREPARED BY: Parks and Recreation Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Mayor and City Council acknowledge Ed Wall, David Akin, and Larry Simpfenderfer of the Boosters of Boys and Girls Organization for outstanding volunteer services and 30+ years of combined commitment to the youth of Lodi, the B.O.B.S. and City.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: January 1, 1995, three outstanding volunteers are leaving the Boosters of Boys and Girls Sports Organization (B.O.B.S.) after a combined 30+ years of service.

It is remembered that the B.O.B.S. organization annually provides sports opportunities and experiences to 5,000+ children in the Lodi and surrounding area which also produces 150,000+ participation units. The organization's current budget is \$250,000. (\$7,000,000+ collected in financial support over the organization's 35 years of existence.)

Ed Wall - Served the B.O.B.S. for 15 years. Has filled every Executive Board Committee seat and all offices of the board; has headed up many of the sports committees, especially Babe Ruth baseball; has served as chairman of the B.O.B.S. efforts to support Hutchins Street Square with their "B.O.B.S. Bar-B-Que" booth. An outstanding contribution to youth sports and its commitments.

David Akin - Served the B.O.B.S. for 10 years. Like Mr. Wall, served on various committees as well as directing same; served as president in 1993, one of the most difficult years with City cuts pending and the formation of the Parks and Recreation Open Space and Master Plan; formed the "B.O.B.S. Speakers Club" to represent the organization officially and consistently.

Larry Simpfenderfer - "Mr. Fundraiser", Larry's name is synonymous with raising thousands of dollars for the organization at a time when financially, things did not look good for the B.O.B.S. due to the general economy of the area. Mr. Simpfenderfer took the bull by the horns with great enthusiasm and generated much needed dollars to keep B.O.B.S. costs down and youth registration fees to a minimum. He also is credited with forming the "Art Nelson Softball Program" for teenage boys to take care of those teenagers who did not make the 16-18 Babe Ruth program. His attitude of getting kids involved at each persons level of ability is what made him and the B.O.B.S. organization so valuable to Lodi and its youth. Served the B.O.B.S. for 8 years of committed service.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

THOMAS A. PETERSON  
City Manager



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The Parks and Recreation Commission suggested these proclamations be given to these individuals as well as those in other group organizations who have made major contributions and served above and beyond the call of duty. We have assisted in the writing of the proclamations and say thank you for honoring our volunteers who help make it all happen for our department.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Williamson', written in a cursive style.

Ron Williamson  
Parks and Recreation Director

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Prepared by Ron Williamson, Parks and Recreation Director